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**METHOD OF AUTOMATICALLY EVALUATING IMAGES  
BEING PROCESSED IN A PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 1           Images being processed in a photographic laboratory system into  
2   different forms of output are automatically evaluated to determine for each image  
3   whether it is of sufficient quality to merit processing into a selected form of output.  
4   Each image is individually evaluated by determining a grade value for each of one or  
5   more characteristic properties of the image, by assigning a target value to each of  
6   the characteristic image properties relative to each available form of output, and by  
7   comparing the grade value to the target value for a selected form of output.

~~(Fig. 1)~~